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Klansmen, NAACP on March in S.C.

ANDERSON, S.C., Sept. 8 (UPI) — Ku Klux Klansmen and members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People staged separate protest marches without incident here Sunday.

About 20 klansmen walked through the city in the morning to protest a permit given the NAACP. Later, 281 NAACP members and sympathizers walked the same route to show displeasure over alleged discrimination in the hiring practices at the new Anderson post office.

The NAACP marchers walked to the post office, which was formally dedicated later in the afternoon, knelt in prayer, then returned to their starting point, clapping and singing freedom songs.

Richard L. Copeland, the new Anderson postmaster, took note of the protest in his speech at the dedication, saying "the U.S. Post Office has always had a strong policy of equal employment opportunity. We will lead the way for fair employment here in Anderson." Other speakers, including Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), ignored the protesters.

Mayor Richard Otter said there was one arrest during the two marches. An unidentified white woman was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a pistol.